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RESPONSE TO DOE LETTER REGARDING RESUMPTION OF OPERABLE UNIT NO. 3 (OU 3) FIELD ACTIVITIES PREVIOUSLY DELAYED BY BALD EAGLES - NMH-380-93

Ref: (a) J. K. Hartman ltr (07430) to R. L. Benedetti, Resumption of OU 3 Field Activities Previously Delayed by Bald Eagles, June 28, 1993

(b) J. K. Hartman Itr (01688) to R. L. Benedetti, Delay of Activities at OU 3 and in RFP Buffer Zone Due to the Bald Eagles Nesting at Standley Lake, February 12, 1993

In response to the above-referenced letter (a), EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc. (EG&G) halted all field work in the vicinity of the Standley Lake bald eagle nest on February 12, 1993. At the direction of the Department of Energy (DOE) on June 28, 1993, field activities resumed near the eagles' nest with the completion of the OU 3 wind tunnel study in mid-July (see referenced letter [b]).

As requested in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) letter dated June 17,1993, which was attached to your letter (a) referenced above, an invitation will be conveyed to the USFWS to observe the OU 3 air monitoring station as soon as the station is operational. The USFWS will observe and evaluate the possible biological effects of the air monitoring station prior to the eagles returning in the fall.

Also noted in the USFWS letter is their concern over the potential effects of the weed control herbicide application on nesting migratory birds. Although the planned fall application of herbicide is past the time window for nesting birds, appropriate actions will be employed to avoid any negative impact to the nesting birds.

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